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AND NORTHERN GOLD-FIELDS GAZETTE.

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Cromwell Advertisements

DAVID A. JOLLY & CO.,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

FAMILY GROCERS,
WINE, SPIRIT, AND GENERAL MERCHANTS.

We desire to intimate that in order to meet the growing exigencies of our business, we have lately built substantial stone additions to our former premises.

At the urgent request of our numerous customers, we have added to our other branches of business, that of

DRAPERY, CROCKERY, & IRONMONGERY.

We would further notify that, having engaged a Buyer in connection with our business to select special lines consigned from the Home and Melbourne markets, we will in future be in a position to offer such superior advantages to our customers as will not fail to ensure a continuance of their liberal patronage, and, more especially, will command the attention and confidence of the Trade, Runholders, and Large Buyers.

DAVID A. JOLLY & CO.

Our GROCERY STOCK comprises:

Teas, of excellent flavour, in chests, half-chests, and boxes	Candles: best brands
Coffees, from the pure bean, ground on the premises	Soap: treble crown, blue mottled, household, scented in bars, cakes, and boxes
Cocoa, Chocolate, of the best brands	Vestas, by approved makers
Sugars: crystals of every shade, and crushed loaf	Salt: table, fine, and coarse
Bacon, Cheese, Butter: weekly supplies from the best dairies	Raisins: Muscatels, Sultanans, etc.
Jams, Jellies, and Pickles	Oils: salad, castor, and kerosene
	Sauces: Lea and Perrins, Mushroom, Nabob, and assorted

TOBACCO.

Imperial, Aromatic, cable-twist—superior Cameron's celebrated brands—Havelock, Golden Bar, Venus tens	Water Lily, Over the Water, navy sixes
Barrett's Twist, in quarter-tierces and boxes.	Cut Tobaccos, in pound, half-pound, and quarter-pound tins, and in bulk.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

Brandies: Hennessy's, Associated Vineyard, Martell's, in bulk and case	Moselle: No. 2
Whiskies: Old Glenury, Islay, Longjohn's, in bulk and case	Hock: Gold Leaf
Rum: Lemon Hart's	Ginger Wine, in bulk and case
Port: Fine old Oldley's, six grape	Ales: Tennent's, Younger's, and Colonial
Sherry: Gonzola, six diamond	Porter: Blood's, Byass's, Guinness's, and Colonial
Gin: JPKZ Geneva, Nectar, and Kummell	Cordials: assorted
Old Tom: Burnett's, Bernard's	Sarsaparilla: Singleton's, Townsend's
Claret: St. Julien's	Bitters: Selner's, Stoughton's

IRONMONGERY STOCK consists of

Blasting powder and fuse	Billies and pannikins
Gunpowder, caps, and shot	Tea-kettles, iron and tin
Long and short handled shovels	Galvanised iron buckets and tubs
Spades, sluice forks	Iron boilers
Picks and pickhandles	Enamelled and tinned stew and saucepans
Gold dishes, hose-pipes	Axes and axe-handles
Drills and drilling hammers	Nails, cut and wrought
Manilla and flax ropes	Tacks, clout and American cut
White lead, castor, boiled, and colza oils	Garden rakes, hoes, and spades
Galvanised and corrugated iron	Cutlery, a large assortment
Stoves and piping	Carpenters' tools of every description.

CANVAS, SADDLERY, AND BRUSHWARE.

HOLT'S SEWING MACHINES: CABINET AND HAND.

DRAPERY AND CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.

Suits: silk-mixture, Galatea, Paget, sac Boys' do.	Dress materials: winceys, French merinos, all-wool plaids, prints
Trousers and Vests: Mosgiel, silk-mixed, tweed, doeskin	Flannels: Calicos, bleached and unbleached
Shirts: white dress, crèmeans, Scotch twill, tweed	Blankets, rugs, quilts
Pants and undershirts, in flannel, lamb's-wool, merino, and cotton	Table-covers, bed and toilet-covers.
Hosiery and hats	Cocoa and felt mattings

BOOTS & SHOES.

Boots: men's elastic-sides, watertights, half-Wellingtons; Hayward and North British Gum Boots	China, glass, and earthenware goods of every description
Women's and children's Boots, Shoes, and Slippers, in calf, kid, and cashmere.	Lamps: parlour, hanging, bracket

N.B.—All goods in this department are marked at low prices.

CROCKERYWARE.

Breakfast, dinner, and bedroom sets complete	China, glass, and earthenware goods of every description
Lamps: parlour, hanging, bracket	

FILTERS, VASES, AND LUSTRES.

FANCY GOODS.

Electro-plated Britannia-metal tea and coffee pots; meerschaum and briar pipes— a choice selection; patent medicines; stationery; perfumery.	
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COLONIAL PRODUCE: Wheat, Oats, Chaff, Pollard, and Potatoes.

D. A. J. & Co. have been appointed sole agents for the sale of Butel Bros.' superior silk-dressed flour, bran, and pollard; and are prepared to promptly execute all orders within a radius of sixty miles.—FLOUR GUARANTEED. TERMS LIBERAL.

W. TALBOYS'

GROCERY QUOTATIONS.

New Season Tea, 1878-79 (Boxes of 12lb), 23s 6d

Cocoa (pound tins), 1s 6d

Sultanas, 8d per lb

Muscateals, 1s 3d per lb

Jordan Almonds, 2s 6d per lb

Elemeis, 7d per lb

Lemon Peel, 1s 5d per lb

Two-crown Soap, 14s per box

Three-crown Soap, 17s per box

Cheese, 10d per lb

Hams, 10d per lb

Sardines (half-pound tins), 11d

Sardines (quarter-pound tins), 7d

Lobsters, 11d per tin

Salmon, 1s per tin

Oysters, 7d per tin

Pickles, 1s per bottle

Candles 11d per lb

Tainsh's Jams, 11d per tin

Marmalade, 11d per tin

Figs, 1s 6d per box

ABOVE PRICES ARE STRICTLY CASH.

Men's Watertights, Elastic Sides and Lace-ups, Colonial Made, 16s 6d and 17s 6d.

Ladies' and Children's Boots (Copper Toes), 6s.

W. TALBOYS, LONDON HOUSE, CROMWELL.

Cromwell Advertisements

GIVING UP BUSINESS.

Having already retired from our other up-country Stores, we have; now that our Mr Arndt is leaving the district, also decided to

GIVE UP OUR CROMWELL BRANCH.

THE WHOLE STOCK,

Consisting of

DRAPERY, IRONMONGERY, GROCERY, ETC.,

(Being the Largest and Best in any up-country town,) will be sold at prices that, we believe, will induce the people of the Cromwell and Dunstan District to make large purchases.

THE PREMISES,

Which would make a first-class Hotel (unless let or sold privately), will be sold by auction.

Persons desirous of purchasing a portion or the whole of the Business will be liberally dealt with.

Also,

VALUABLE SECTIONS AND BUILDINGS,

The Property of Mr Arndt, are in the market, and if not sold privately, will be offered by auction.

I. HALLENSTEIN AND CO.

W. TALBOYS'

PRICE LIST OF

SUMMER DRAPERY, CLOTHING, &C.

Fancy Dress, 10s 6d, 12s 6d and 15s

Good Winceys, 10d, 11d and 1s

French Merinos, 2s, 2s 6d and 3s

Double-width Plaid, 2s 6d

Black Silks, 60s; Colored, 50s the dress

Black and Colored Lustres, 1s 2d

New Prints, fast colors, 6d, 8d and 10d

Newest patterns in Muslins, 10d and 11d

Latest fashions in Costumes, 17s 6d

Horrock's Calico, 36in, 6s 6d per doz.; Unbleached, 6s

Sheeting, 72in, 1s 6d

Turkish Towels, 13s per doz.

Blankets, all colors, from 15s

Brown Holland, 8d, 10d and 1s

Linen Diaper, 1s, 1s 3d and 1s 6d

Fancy Linen Checks, 11d

Best Flannel, 1s 6d, 1s 9d and 2s

Muslin Curtains, 8s 6d the set

Tweeds, 3s 6d, 4s 6d and 5s 6d

Carpets and Floorcloths

Men's, Youths' and Boys' Clothing, in Colonial and English Tweeds and make

Suits, 37s 6d, 40s, 45s and 50s

Drill Suits, 25s

Trowsers and Vests, 17s 6d, 22s 6d, 25s and 27s 6d

Trowsers, Tweed, 12s 6d, 14s 6d, 16s and 18 6d

Coats, 17s 6d, 20s, 25s and 30s; Pilot Cloth, 20s, 25s, and 27s 6d; Holland, 6s 6d and 8s 6d; Silk, 22s 6d

White Moles, 8s 6d; Colored, 10s 6d

Knit Drawers, 6s 6d, 7s 6d and 8s 6d; Mosgiel, 9s 6d; Serge, 7s 6d; Cotton and Merino, 3s, 3s 6d and 4s

Shirts—Flannel, 6s, 6s 6d and 7s 6d; Shepherd's Plaid, 7s 6d, 8s 6d and 9s 6d; Crimean, 6s 6d, 7s 6d and 8s 6d; Linen, 2s 6d, 3s 6d, 4s 6d and 5s 6d

Boys' Knicker Suits, 10s 6d, 15s and 17s 6d

Youths' Suits, 25s, 30s, and 32s 6d.

Boys' Colored Moles, 7s.

Cromwell



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N O T I C E.

The following are the days appointed for holding the Resident Magistrate's and Warden's Courts for the months of January, February, March, April, May and June, 1879, for the Dunstan division of the Otago Goldfields Districts—

CLYDE—January 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30
" February 6, 13, 20 and 27
" March 6, 13, 20 and 27
" April 3, 10, 17 and 24
" May 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29
" June 5, 12, 19 and 26

CROMWELL—January 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31
" February 7, 14, 21 and 28
" March 7, 14, 21 and 28
" April 4, 11, 18 and 25
" May 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30
" June 6, 13, 20 and 27

ALEXANDRA—January 13
" February 10
" March 10
" April 7
" May 5
" June 2 and 30

[The Office at Alexandra will be open once a fortnight for the transaction of public business.]

ROXBURGH—January 7
" February 4
" March 4
" April 1 and 29
" May 27
" June 24

BLACKS—January 14
" February 11
" March 11
" April 8
" May 6
" June 3.

W. LAWRENCE SIMPSON,
Warden and R.M.

HENRICH BEHRENS,
WHEELWRIGHT
AND COACH-BUILDER,
MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL

(Nearly opposite Bank of New South Wales),
Is prepared to execute all Orders entrusted to
him with carefulness and despatch.

A Large Supply of Well-seasoned American and
Native Timbers kept in Stock.

Repairs done in best style.

K. PREETSCHE,
CROMWELL,
COACH AND GENERAL PAINTER,
PAPERHANGER, &c.

Has always on hand a fine selection of Paper
hangings, Paints, Glass, and Mouldings of every
description, at low prices.

Contracts undertaken for General Painting,
Paperhanging, Decoration,
and Sign Writing.

WILLIAM SUTHERLAND
General

BLACKSMITH & FARRIER,

Begs to intimate to Mining Companies and the
public generally that he has removed to

QUARTZVILLE,

where he hopes, by strict attention to business
and reasonable charges, to merit a share of the
public patronage.

E. MURRERELL,
WATCHMAKER & JEWELLER,

Has just received, per
Suez Mail, his
first consignment of
SILVER HUNTING
LEVER
WATCHES
direct from the
He can with confidence recommend them to the
public both as regards finish and accuracy of
adjustment, and as Time-keepers not to be ex-
celled in the colony.

E. M. has made arrangements for regular sup-
plies, and as he buys for cash he is in a position
to defy competition.

A Two Years' Guarantee given with every
Watch.

INSPECTION INVITED.

Note the address—

E. MURRERELL,
Watch and Clock Maker,
MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL.

D OCTOR THOMAS
(from Collins and Lonsdale-streets, Mel-
bourne) may be consulted at his rooms, Octagon,
Dunedin, north-east corner, next Working Men's
Club. Consulting hours from 9 a.m. till 8 p.m.
Sunday included.

Young, middle-aged and elderly men suffering
from Debility of the Generative System,
Nervous, Skin and Contagious Diseases should
consult the Doctor personally or by letter, enclosing
stamps for a reply.

The following nominations have been passed
by Dr Thomas:—Licentiate Royal College of
Physicians, London, 1864; Doctor of Medicine,
University of Giessen, Germany, 1871; Member
of the Royal College of Surgeons, England, 1859;
and Licentiate in Midwifery, 1864.

Cases of Medicine forwarded to any part of
New Zealand.

Insurance Companies.

NORWICH UNION FIRE INSUR-
ANCE SOCIETY.

RISKS TAKEN ON THE MOST
LIBERAL TERMS.

JAMES MARSHALL,
Melmore-Street, Cromwell.

[ESTABLISHED, 1859.]

NEW ZEALAND INSURANCE
COMPANY.

CAPITAL ... £1,000,000.

Accepts Fire Risks on every description of
property, at lowest rates.

CHARLES COLCLOUGH,
Agent, Cromwell.

SOUTH BRITISH INSURANCE CO.

CAPITAL ... £750,000.

With unlimited liability of Shareholders.

PROVINCIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

JOHN DAVIE, Esq. (Messrs M'Landress, Hep-
burn, and Co.)

JAMES MILLS, Esq., Manager Union Steam
Ship Company.

JAMES RATTRAY, Esq. (Messrs J. Rattray and
Co.)

GEORGE TURNBULL, Esq. (Messrs W. and G.
Turnbull and Co.)

CROMWELL AGENTS: D. A. JOLLY & Co.

The popularity of the South British among
the insuring public is best shown by the large
and steady increase in its business.

FIRST YEAR'S PREMIUM RECEIPTS ... £34,032

SECOND DO. DO. 69,041

THIRD DO. DO. 95,184

Every description of Fire Insurance business
undertaken. The liberality and promptness in
settlement which have been important features
in securing the above rapid progress still charac-
terise the South British.

Every information supplied by

D. A. JOLLY & CO.,
Agents, Cromwell.

VICTORIA HOTEL
CROMWELL.

JAMES STUART,
(Late of the Ferry Hotel, Bannockburn.)

Begs to intimate to his friends and the public
that he has purchased the above Hotel, where
he hopes, by strict attention to business, and by
keeping the best Wines and Spirits, to merit a
share of public patronage.

A first-class table kept, and superior eight-stall
stone stable, replete with every convenience
for Travellers. Unsurpassed in the
District.

N.B.—The nearest Hotel to the Court-house.

SHERWOOD AND WRIGHT,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL
WINE, SPIRIT, AND PROVISION MER-
CHANTS, AND GENERAL
STOREKEEPERS,
MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL.

Having completed their arrangements for the
regular consignment of Goods suitable to the
market, Sherwood and Wright have pleasure in
intimating that they have now on hand, and
constantly arriving, full supplies of

WINES, SPIRITS, PROVISIONS, AND
FAMILY GROCERIES

of the very best quality obtainable, and which
will be found to compare most favorably as to
price with those of any establishment on the
Goldfields.

The Stock comprises every class of goods in
above line, so that it is unnecessary to give a
detailed list.

Messrs Sherwood and Wright have made
arrangements for a constant supply of

FLOUR, BRAN, POLLARD, AND GENERAL
PRODUCE

of the finest quality from the Wakatipu Mills.
In this line the firm can offer special value.

GOODS DELIVERED TO ALL PARTS OF THE
DISTRICT.

FAMILIES REGULARLY WAITED UPON.

S. & W. desire specially to state that they
have entered into arrangements for the regular
supply to them of

DAIRY PRODUCE

from one of the finest farms on the Taieri, an
advantage which they feel sure their customers
will fully appreciate.

Cromwell

CROMWELL

VETERINARY SHOEING FORGE,

Next door to

STARKEY'S CROMWELL HOTEL.

ROBERT WISHART,

General Blacksmith, Farrier, Machinist, &c.,
Begs to intimate to the public that he has pur-
chased the business from Mr EDWARD LINDSAY,
as Farrier and Blacksmith, and hopes by paying
strict attention to business, and turning out good
substantial work of all kinds, guaranteed, to
merit a continuance of public support.

R. W. begs to intimate to the public generally
that he has purchased the CAST-IRON BED for
TIRING WHEELS from Mr LINDSAY, being the
first introduced up-country; and in this branch
he will guarantee to give every satisfaction.

Horses shod on the latest and most-approved
principle.

Light shoes ... 10s.

Draught do. ... 16s.

IMPORTANT TO WAGONERS, FAR-
MERS, AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

NEW VETERINARY & SHOEING FORGE.

JAMES RICHARDS

Having purchased the business as General Black-
smith and Horse-shoer in Cromwell, lately car-
ried on by Mr R. Cayford, begs to inform the
public that he is in a position to execute every
class of work in a most satisfactory manner at
reasonable prices.

In the Veterinary and Shoeing Department
the advertiser has considerable experience, and
in these branches can guarantee to suit those
who favor him with their patronage.

Horses carefully and skilfully treated for
all complaints.

Note the Address—

MURRAY STREET, CROMWELL,

Opposite Messrs Grant and MacKellar's offices.

WANAKA SAW MILLS.

RUSSELL, EWING & CO.,

PROPRIETORS.

The Proprietors have placed the above Mills
in complete working order with the best applica-
tions obtainable and are prepared to supply
Manufactured Timber of every description;
Posts, Rails, Props, Slabs, &c. &c., at the
shortest possible notice, at reasonable prices
and on easy terms.

Orders punctually attended to and despatched
with promptitude.

RUSSELL, EWING & CO.,

WANAKA SAW MILLS.

VINCENT FLOUR MILL,
OPHIR.

J. C. JONES

Begs to inform the inhabitants of the surround-
ing districts that, having now completed the
above Flour Mill, which he has fitted up with
machinery on the most improved principle, he
is prepared to supply

SILK-DRESSED FLOUR
of the best quality; also, Bran and Pollard.

Gristing at Current Rates.

J. C. JONES.

G. WATSON

(Late Watson and Gow),

Begs respectfully to inform his numerous friends
and the public generally that he has commenced
Business as General Blacksmith and Wheel-
wright in the premises occupied by the late
firm, and trusts, by attention and making none
but first-class articles, to merit a share of public
patronage. Town and country orders punctu-
ally attended to.—Princes-street south, Dunedin.

VULCAN FOUNDRY
Great King street, Dunedin.

KINCAID, M'QUEEN AND CO.,
Boilermakers, Engineers, Millwrights, Foun-
ders, Blacksmiths, &c.

All kinds of castings in Brass and Iron.

Steam Engines and Boilers made and repaired.

Overshot, Breast, and Turbine Waterwheels,

Quartz-crushing Machinery, Pumping and Wind-
ing Gear.

Cast-iron Sluice and Ripple Plates; Sheet-
iron Hopper and Sluice Plates, (punched to any
size of holes), Gold-dredging Spoons, etc.

Flour-mill Machinery.

All kinds of Reaping, Threshing, Horse-power
Machines made and repaired.

Improved Reaping Machines.

K. M'Q. and Co.'s improved Wrought-Iron
Piping for Fluming and Hydraulic Mining is the
best in use, and cheaper than canvas.

Miscellaneous.

P. B U T E L & C O. S
FLOUR MILLS,

NEAR ARROWTOWN;

Supply First-class

SILK-DRESSED FLOUR, BRAN, AND
POLLARD.

GRISTING DONE AT CURRENT RATES.

Country orders executed with care and dis-
patch. An excellent sample of flour guaranteed,
cannot be excelled in the Colony.

CENTRAL REGISTRY OFFICE

E. LYONS begs to notify the inhabitants of
Cromwell and District that he has OPENED a
REGISTRY OFFICE in conjunction with his
Fruiterer's Business in Dunedin.

Hotelkeepers, station owners and others can
rely upon obtaining suitable Servants of every
description.

E. LYONS

(Late J. B. L. Luks),
COMMISSION, LAND & ESTATE AGENT,
GEORGE-STREET, DUNEDIN.

C O B B A N D C O. S
LIVERY STABLES,
LAWRENCE,

Will now be under the personal supervision of
Mr Craig.

HORSES & BUGGIES ALWAYS ON HIRE.

Horses Broken to Saddle and Harness.

H. CRAIG & CO.,
Proprietors.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.

Impurity of the Blood.—Entebbed
Existence.

Hotels.

CROMWELL HOTEL
AND BILLIARD SALOON.

STARKEY and SCALLY ... Proprietors.

The above well-known Hotel is now replete with every convenience and comfort, and offers most superior inducements to travellers and the public generally.

The cellars are stocked with the choicest brands of Wines, Spirits, Ales, &c.

THE BILLIARD SALOON

Just opened, is the most capacious and comfortable in Otago, and contains two splendid Tables with all requisite appointments. The room is in charge of an experienced manager, who thoroughly understands the requirements of this department.

THE STABLING

In such as to leave nothing to be desired, and is under the control of a Groom of many years experience.

Private Sitting-rooms and apartments for Families.

Commodious Show-rooms for Commercial Men.

STARKEY AND SCALLY,
PROPRIETORS.BANNOCKBURN HOTEL & STORE,
DOCTOR'S FLAT, BANNOCKBURN,

(On the Main Road to the Nevis).

GROCERIES, CLOTHING, BOOTS, and HOUSEHOLD REQUISITES of all descriptions kept in Stock.

The Goods, being obtained DIRECT from Dunedin, are retailed at the LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES.

N.B.—Good Stabling, Horse Feed, &c.

JOHN RICHARDS, PROPRIETOR.

CARRICK RANGE HOTEL,
QUARTZVILLE.CHARLES PEAKE,
Proprietor.

The Proprietor, having recently purchased the above well-known and centrally-situated Hotel, is now in a position to offer first-class accommodation to all who may favour him with their patronage.

The Premises are fitted up and furnished on the most complete scale, and the arrangements for the comfort of visitors and travellers are second to none in the district.

COMMODIOUS BILLIARD ROOM, fitted with one of Julius Paser's full-sized tables

AN EXCELLENT SIX-STALLED STABLE, with careful groom always in attendance.

CHARLES PEAKE.

KIRTELBURN HOTEL,
ROARING MEG.

T. GORMAN ... Proprietor.

The travelling public will find every comfort and accommodation at this hospitable.

Wines, Beer, and Spirits of best brands.

VICTORIA BRIDGE
HOTEL.

J. M'CORMICK ... Proprietor.

The above well-known Hotel (late Edwards') has undergone a thorough renovation at the hands of the present proprietor, and is now second to no house on the main road from Cromwell to Queenstown.

Travellers may rest assured that they will receive every attention at the above Hotel.

The excellent range of STONE STABLES is under the charge of an experienced Groom. Horses will therefore secure every attention.

PRINCE OF WALES HOTEL,
QUEENSTOWN.

R. ANDERSON ... Proprietor.

The above well-known hotel has recently been refitted, and now affords the most comfortable accommodation.

Wines, Spirits, &c., of the best brands.

Cromwell.

FREE TRADE BUTCHERY
(Wholesale and Retail).

JAMES DAWKINS - PROPRIETOR.

A supply of Beef, Mutton, Veal, Pork, Ham, Bacon, &c., always on hand.

* * Meat delivered at Town Prices throughout the district.

CROMWELL BUTCHERY
(WHOLESALE AND RETAIL).

OWEN PIERCE - PROPRIETOR.

A supply of Meat of all descriptions always on hand, and sold at the Lowest Prices.

R. AND W. OLDS,
FAMILY BUTCHERS,

MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL.

In thanking householders of the town and district of Cromwell for the liberal patronage conferred upon them since starting business, desire to say that they have entered into such arrangements as will enable them to continue to supply their Customers with Beef, Mutton, Pork and other articles in the trade of the very best quality.

SMALL GOODS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

Families and Hotels waited upon daily.



THE CROMWELL BAKERY.

J. SCOTT,

BREAD AND BISCUIT BAKER,
Melmore-street, Cromwell.

Families waited on for orders, and Bread regularly delivered in all parts of the district.

SWAN BREWERY,
CROMWELL.

G. W. GOODGER ... Proprietor.

The Proprietor is now prepared to supply his unrivalled XXXX ALES in any quantity, delivered throughout the District.

Orders left at the Commercial Hotel, Cromwell, or at the Brewery, will be promptly attended to.

G. W. GOODGER.

THOMAS FOOTE,
TAILOR AND CLOTHIER
MELMORE TERRACE,
CROMWELL.

Choice Selection of Tweeds on hand.

MANUHERIKIA BREWERY,
ALEXANDRA.

THEYERS AND BECK

Beg to announce that they are prepared to supply their SPARKLING XXXX ALES in any quantity.

Delivered free of cartage within twenty miles.

Orders left with

Mr THEYERS, Alexandra;

Mr C. P. BECK, Clyde;

or at the Brewery, will be promptly attended to.

THEYERS AND BECK,

BREWERS,

ALEXANDRA.

Miscellaneous.

NOTICE.

A number of useless Curs are allowed to prowl about on Kawarau Station by their owners. This is to give them warning that POISON will be laid wherever they are most likely to get it.

JAMES COWAN.

October, 1877.

[ESTABLISHED 1864.]

CLEAVE'S RETAIL PRICES OF
GARDEN SEEDS, NEW AND SOUND.

Peas, 8d per lb
French Beans, 1s per lb
Broccoli, 1s 6d per oz
Lettuce 1s per oz
Beet, 6d per oz
Scarlet Runners, 1s 6d
Mustard, 3d per oz
Brussels Sprouts 1s per oz
Leek, 1s 6d per oz
Broad Beans 8d per lb
Carrot, 6d per oz
Onion, 8d per oz
Parsley, 6d per oz
Cauliflower, 2s 6d per lb
Parsnip, 6d per oz
Rhubarb, 1s per oz
Cress, 3d per oz
Celery, 1s per oz
Curled Greens, 8d per oz
Turnips, 3d per oz
Spinach, 6d per lb

Cucumbers, Melons, Pumpkins, Tomatoes, and Vegetable Marrows, 6d per packet.

Best Varieties of Flower Seeds, 2s 6d per dozen Packets.

A large stock of Agricultural Seeds always on hand.

ROBERT CLEAVE,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL SEEDSMAN,
DEE-STREET, INVERCARGILL.

Stud Horses.

THE DRAUGHT ENTIRE HORSE
CLYDE

Will Travel the Cromwell and Hawea Districts during this Season.

CLYDE is a powerful dark chestnut, 18 hands high, docile temper, and of great sinew. He has proved himself a sure foal-getter in the Blacks District, where his stock is held in high value.

Terms . . . £3.

Groomage, 5s, payable on Service.

Guarantees as per arrangement.

Season to end 1st February, 1879, on or before which Service must be paid for.

ROBERT KIDD,

Proprietor,

Lower Flat, near Cromwell.

THE CLYDESDALE ENTIRE
HORSE

SURPRISE

Will Stand this Season at Mr J. Drummy's Farm, Ida Valley.

SURPRISE, bred by John Hamilton, Esq., is by that well-known Clydesdale sire Thane of Clyde, imported to Southland by Hugh M'Lean, Esq. Dam bred by A. Clerke, Esq., Longford, Tasmania, and imported into this province by the Messrs Clerke Brothers, for breeding purposes on their farm.

Surprise is a dark dappled bay, stands 17 hands high, and is now rising twelve years. He is a remarkably compact and powerful horse with immense bone, fine flat leg, unequalled action, and docile temper. He has proved himself a sure foal-getter, and his stock are not surpassed by the progeny of any horse which has ever served in the Southland district, where he has travelled three years in succession.

Surprise took second prize at two, three and four years' old at the Invercargill Annual Show against all comers.

A Paddock for the accommodation of Mares coming from a distance will be provided free of charge, without responsibility. The greatest care taken.

TERMS . . . £3.

Groomage, 5s.

No Foal no Pay; all Guarantees.

NOTE.—All Mares delivered in Clyde or Alexandra taken delivery of and returned free of charge, without responsibility. Every care taken, but no responsibility. Mares sent home to Cromwell at end of season, of which due notice will be given.

JEREMIAH DRUMMY,

Ida Valley.

Stud Horses.



THE DRAUGHT ENTIRE HORSE

YOUNG DAN O'CONNELL

Will Stand this Season at Grove Farm, Cromwell.

Terms . . . £3.

Paddock accommodation provided.

Every care taken of Mares, but no responsibility.

JOHN TOWAN,
Proprietor.

THE THOROUGHBRED
HORSE

ARCHITECT

Will travel the Cromwell and Dunstan Districts during this Season.

ARCHITECT is a rich bay, with black points, stands 16½ hands, with great bone and substance, a splendid temper and grand constitution. He is a sure foal-getter, and his stock show both size and quality. Mechanic, by Architect, was purchased last year by Sir A. D. Bell, Shag Valley, for £120.

ARCHITECT by Peter Wilkins, dam Governess by Conrad, from Bequest by Snoozer, from Medea by Mozart, from Whizig by Whalebone, from mare by Canopus, from mare by Young Woodpecker, from Radish by Pot-8-os.

Conrad by Camel by Whalebone, &c. Snoozer by Muley from Bequest, by Election from Legacy, &c. Mozart by Governor from Laurel Leaf by Stanford, &c.

Peter Wilkins (sire also of The Quack, winner of the Melbourne Cup, Benvolio, winner of the Sydney Derby, &c., &c.), by the Flying Dutchman (winner of the Epsom Derby and Doncaster St Leger, 1849), from Boarding school Miss by Plenipotentiary from Marpessa, &c. See N. Z. Stud Book, vol. V.

TERMS . . . £4 4s.

Groomage, 5s, payable on service.

Good PADDocks.

Every care taken of Mares, but no responsibility incurred.

I. LOUGHNAN.

20th September, 1878.

THE THOROUGHBRED ENTIRE
HORSE

HARUHA

Bred by H. Redwood, Esq.,
WILL TRAVEL THE ARROW & QUEENS-TOWN DISTRICTS.

HARUHA is a bay horse, stands 15½ hands, bred by Mr Redwood in 1872. Got by Towton-dam Fair Puritan, by Oliver Cromwell out of Coronaria (imported), by Sweetmeat out of Jessica, by Launcelot, own brother to Touchstone.

Towton (imported), by Melbourne-dam Cinizelli, by Touchstone; Oliver Cromwell, by Potentate, out of Woodstock, by Theorene (imported), out of a mare imported to New South Wales from England.

Potentate, by Sir Hercules (sire of the Barb), out of Princess, by Gratus (imported).

Marchioness (own sister to Towton) won the Oaks in 1865. Marchioness has bred in Victoria—Rose of Denmark, Fishhook, Angler (sire of Robinson Crusoe, winner of the Derby). The Peer, full brother to Towton, is sire of Manuka, Peeress and several other noted horses. The Marquis, a son of Cinizelli, by Stockwell, won the Two Thousand Guineas in 1862, ran second for the Derby, for which he was first favorite, and won the St. Leger.

Good Paddocks provided for Mares from a distance.

All care taken, but no responsibility.

TERMS . . . £4.

Groomage fee, 5s.

Full particulars can be obtained from W. Welsh, Arrow, or

TOM BEAUFORT

VINCENT COUNTY GAZETTE.

TENDERS required for Supplying FURNITURE for the County Offices, at Clyde. Description on application to the County Clerk.

VINCENT PYKE,
Chairman.

Clyde, 27th January, 1879.

TAKE NOTICE.—The VALUATION LISTS for the Ridings of Hawea, Lindis, Clutha, Kawarau and Nevis, in the Vincent County, for the year 1879-1880, are now open for inspection at the County Offices, Clyde, and a copy of each is also open for inspection at the Court House, Cromwell.

All objections thereto must be left at the County Office, Cromwell Bridge, on or before the 15th day of February, addressed to the Assessment Court; and a copy of every such objection must be left at the Office of the County Council, Clyde, not less than seven days before the next sitting of the said Court.

GEORGE CLARK,
County Clerk.

Clyde, 15th January, 1879.

BOROUGH OF CROMWELL.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Meeting of the Borough Council of Cromwell will be held at the Council Chambers, Cromwell, on Friday, February 21st, at 8 p.m., for the purpose of confirming the following resolutions, adopted at a Special Meeting of the said Council, held on Friday, January 17th, and which resolutions are as follows:—

1. That the whole of the By-laws heretofore existing in the Borough of Cromwell be repealed.

2. That the By-laws, No. 1 to 8 inclusive, as read and revised by the Council be adopted.

Dated at Cromwell this 18th day of January, 1879.

JAMES MARSHALL.

Town Clerk.

NOTICE.

The VALUATION LIST for the Borough of Cromwell for the year 1879 is now open for inspection at the Town Clerk's Office.

All objections thereto must be left at the Court House, Cromwell, on or before the 15th day of February, addressed to the Assessment Court; and a copy of every such objection must be left at my office not later than seven days before the next sitting of the said Court.

JAMES MARSHALL,
Town Clerk.

Cromwell, January 16, 1879.

DUNEDIN CUP, 1879.

A CONSULTATION
On the above Event will be held by
3000 SUBSCRIBERS AT £1 EACH.

To be divided as follows:—

First Prize	£1200
Second Prize	500
Third Prize	300
Starters (divided)	500
Non-starters (divided)	500
	£3000

Crossed cheques, with exchange (1s) added, and stamps for reply and result.

GEORGE DODSON, Treasurer.
Address: Box 27, Port Chalmers.

MONDAY, 3rd FEBRUARY, 1879,
At 12 o'clock.

AT IDA VALLEY.

120 HEAD DAIRY, STORE AND FAT CATTLE.

JOHN COLE CHAPPLE,
having received instructions from Mr Joseph Glass, will sell by public auction, on the above date, at 12 o'clock sharp, on the ground,

40 head of quiet Dairy Cows, with Calves at foot, and Springers—fat.

20 head of Heifers—Springers.

30 head of Fat Cattle, and the remainder good Stores.

10 head of Horses, Draught, Spring-cart, and Hacks.

The Auctioneer, in asking for a large attendance, can with confidence recommend the above lot of Cattle as the very best in the district; in fact the very name of "Glass" in connection with Cattle is a guarantee as to the quality.

As Mr Glass is going out of Cattle dealing, the whole will be positively sold.

JOHN COLE CHAPPLE,
Auctioneer.

F O R S A L E,
By Private Treaty,

The PROPERTY lately known as Starkey's Hotel. Terms easy. Particulars from CHAS. COLCLOUGH,

COACH TO LAKE WANAKA.

KIDD'S MAIL COACH

Leaves Goodger's Hotel, Cromwell,

FOR LAKE WANAKA

Every WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY

Morning, at 7 o'clock, returning the following day.

Booking Office for Passengers and Parcels:
GOODGER'S HOTEL, CROMWELL.



V. R.

I N B A N K R U P T C O Y.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE OTAGO GOLDFIELDS, HOLDEN AT CROMWELL.

In the matter of the "Debtors and Creditors Act, 1876," and "The Debtors and Creditors Act Amendment Act, 1878," and of the Bankruptcy of PHILLIP HILL, of Cromwell, in the Provincial District of Otago, Labourer.

THIS IS TO NOTIFY that Phillip Hill, Labourer at Cromwell, in the Provincial District aforesaid, has this day filed a statement that he is unable to meet his engagements with his Creditors. The First Meeting of Creditors to be held at the Court-house, Cromwell, on FRIDAY, the 31st day of January, 1879, at the hour of twelve o'clock noon.

Dated this twenty-fourth day of January, 1879.

ARTHUR D. HARVEY,
Clerk to the District Court.



CROMWELL ANNUAL RACE MEETING, DECEMBER 1879.

CROMWELL DERBY

A Sweepstake of 5 sovs. each, 2 sovs. forfeit, with 50 sovs. added by the Club. For 3-year-olds, bred in Vincent and Lake Counties. Derby weights—Colts, 8st 10lbs; Fillies, 8st 5lbs. No allowance for geldings. Second horse to receive 20 per cent. of the stakes, and the third to save his stake. Distance, one mile and a half.

Nominations to be sent to the Secretary on or before the 24th day of May next; balance of sweep, £3, to be made good on night of general entry.

Declaration of forfeit to be made to the Secretary on or before Saturday, the 8th day of November, 1879, or the nominator will be liable for the whole stake.

GEO. JENOUR,
Secretary.

SHARCOE RELIEF FUND.

LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS in aid of Mr M. SHARCOE, whose house, with contents, was destroyed by fire on Sunday, 15th December last:—

Collected by Messrs Brown and Murrell.

S N Brown, £1 1s; Edward Murrell, 10s 6d; Jas Marshall, 10s 6d; C P Beck, 5s; T Waddell, 10s 6d; Mrs Heron, 10s 6d; Jas Scott, 10s 6d; J A Green, 10s 6d; J R M' Donald, 5s; H Arndt, 1l 1s; R Brown, 10s; James Gibson, 1l; John L Jopp, 5s; J Solomon, 10s; Dr Corse, £1 1s; T Marsh, 2s 6d; F Frennesson, 10s; Charles M'Kenna, 10s; Max Gall, 10s 6d; W Todd, 5s; William Talboys, £1 1s; Blank, 5s; W. T. Ward, 10s; George Tones, £1; S M Dalgleish, £1 1s; Thomas M'Gann, 10s; Robt Wishart, 10s; Louis Grant, £1; John S. Burres, 10s; W. H. Whetter, 10s 6d; Jas Stuart, £1; Wong Kee, 5s; P L Dignan, £1 1s; G Coeburn, 10s; Jas Dawkins, £1; R W Harvey, £1 1s; J A Freshaw, £1 1s; David A Jolly, £1 1s; Friend, 10s; Dr Stacpoole, £1 1s; J Anderson, Poison Creek, 10s.

Collected by Mr David Jones.

David Jones, 10s; Bernard O'Neill, 5s; Wm Bennett, 10s; Henry C Story, 5s; J L Moore, 5s; Thomas Donnelly, 5s; A Kintoul, 5s; James Horn, 5s; James Boyd, 5s; Pascoe Grenfell, 5s.

Collected by Mr Jas. Ritchie.

J Drummy, £1; A Cameron, 10s; Wm A Jones, 5s; Peter Maher, 5s; James Smith, 10s; Thomas Russell, 7s 6d; Felix Saiserndier, 5s; James Dewar, 5s; Patrick Cahill, 5s; Peter Paterson, 5s; William Robinson, 5s; W L Smith, 5s; John W Thompson, 5s; Mathew Armour, 10s.

Collected by Mr Jas. Ritchie.

J Drummy, £1; A Cameron, 10s; Wm A Jones, 5s; Peter Maher, 5s; James Smith, 10s; Thomas Russell, 7s 6d; Felix Saiserndier, 5s; James Dewar, 5s; Patrick Cahill, 5s; Peter Paterson, 5s; William Robinson, 5s; W L Smith, 5s; John W Thompson, 5s; Mathew Armour, 10s.

Total subscription, £34 19s.

£1 R E W A R D.

LOST or STOLEN from Quartzville, Bannockburn, a Black and Tan Bearded Collie BITCH, five months old. Above reward paid on delivery to James Smith, Bannockburn. If found in anyone's possession after this date the party will be prosecuted.

JAMES SMITH.
Bannockburn, January 25th, 1879.

STARKEY & SCALLY'S ESTATE IN BANKRUPTCY.

Persons Indebted to the above Estate are requested to pay their respective Accounts to the Trustees without delay, or legal proceedings will be instituted.

CHAS. COLCLOUGH,
For self and co-Trustees.

NOTICE.

All Customers Indebted to me are requested to Settle their Accounts during the present month; and I hereby authorise GEO. W. BROWN to collect all Debts due to me or make arrangements for payment of same.

JAMES SCOTT.
Cromwell Bakery.
20th January, 1879.

CARRICK RANGE WATER SUPPLY CO., REGISTERED.

An Extraordinary Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Company's Office, Cromwell, on FRIDAY, 4th February, 1879, at 4 p.m.

Business: To consider the financial position of the Company.

JAS. MARSHALL,
Manager.

TO BUILDERS & CONTRACTORS.

TENDERS are invited for the ERECTION of a PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (Stone) in Cromwell, and will be received by the undersigned up till Friday, 31st January, 1879.

Plans and specifications may be inspected at THE CROMWELL ARGUS Office on and after Tuesday, 7th January.

S. N. BROWN,
Secretary.

NOTICE.

Office of the Education Board of Southland,
Invercargill, January 18th, 1879.

IT IS HEREBY PUBLICLY NOTIFIED that, pursuant to the provisions of the Education Act, 1877, the Education Board of the District of Southland do hereby constitute all the land within the boundaries hereinafter defined a new School District, which shall be called the "Pembroke School District," and do fix the boundaries of such School District as follows:—

Commencing at Mount Iron, thence by the boundary of Lake and Vincent Counties to Cardrona River, thence by a straight line to Mount Aspiring, thence to Mount Gilbert and Wilkin River, thence by said river and east shore of Lake Wanaka to the boundary of Vincent County, thence by said boundary to the point of commencement.

By order of the Board.

JOHN G. SMITH,
Secretary.

OTAGO GOLD FIELDS.

Application for an Agricultural Lease.

Schedule A—Clause 1.

District of Otago Goldfields,
Cromwell, January 27, 1879.

To the Warden, Cromwell.

I hereby apply for a Lease of Land for agricultural purposes, situate at Cromwell Flat, bounded on the north by Fleming's agricultural lease, on the south by Campion's lease, and on the east and west by Crown lands, and comprising 100 acres, or thereabouts, in accordance with the Agricultural Leases Regulations made under "The Mines Act, 1877."

THOMAS WILSON,
By his Agent, Jas. Marshall.

NOTICE.

The above application will be heard before me, at Cromwell, on the 14th day of February, 1879.

W. L. SIMPSON,
Warden.

NOTICE.

After this date, POISON will be laid for DOGS on Runs 459 and 461, being Dingle Station.

TIMOTHY COTTER.

December 18, 1878.

STAR OF THE EAST QUARTZ-MINING CO., REGISTERED.

The Half-yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Company's Office, Cromwell, on WEDNESDAY, February 5th, at 7 p.m.

JAS. MARSHALL,

Manager.

CROMWELL KILWINNING LODGE (S.C.)

The REGULAR MEETING will be held on WEDNESDAY EVENING, 5th February, at 8 o'clock.

J. A. PRESHAW,

Secretary.

NOTICE.

I will not be RESPONSIBLE for any DEBTS contracted by my Wife from this date.

JOHN SAUL,

Grand View Hotel, Sandy Point.

January 16th, 1879.

NOTICE.

ALL MONEY due to me must be paid before the 1st February next, otherwise legal proceedings will be taken to recover same.

JOHN SAUL,

Grand View Hotel, Sandy Point.

January 16, 1879.

CROMWELL CRICKET CLUB.

A Meeting of the above Club will be held at Goodger's Hotel on WEDNESDAY EVENING, 29th inst., at 8.30 p.m.

R. LOUDON,

Secretary.

PUBLIC MEETING.

A in the School-house, Bendigo, on the 1st February, 1879, to hear report of deputation recently appointed to wait on County Council re communication with Cromwell.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

MACETOWN.—Only one player can go alone. If you go against and enclose him, score two points.

J. C. Nevis.—To vote in a County election, you must be on the Roll.

Cromwell Argus,
AND NORTHERN GOLD-FIELDS GAZETTE.

CROMWELL: TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 1879.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.)

ARROW, January 27, 5 p.m.

The protests against the late Arrow Riding election were heard to-day, and the Resident Magistrate declared the election null and void.

DUNEDIN, January 28, Noon.

The meeting for the election of a Dunedin School Committee was extremely well attended, and much interest was manifested in the proceedings. Most of the city clergymen were present and a number from the surrounding country districts.

The Bible in Schools Association presented a ticket containing the names of K. Ramsay, T. Dick, A. R. Livingston, W. D. Stuart, W. M. Hodgkins and G. P. Farquhar. Of these, all but Hodgkins were elected, so that five out of seven new committeemen may be counted upon as certainly in favor of Bible-reading in schools.

Besides the five on the card before mentioned, Nathan and Robin, members of last year's committee, were re-elected. The Attorney-General, who was present, gave it as his opinion that women were as much the parent as the husband, and were entitled to vote, whereupon a great many ladies present exercised their privilege. Dr Stuart carried, by a large majority, a resolution instructing the new Committee to give the use of the school for religious teaching, Dr Roseby strongly opposing. Several suburban committees have elected committees favorable to Bible reading.

£2,750 was the actual collection at the laying of the foundation stone of the Catholic Cathedral.

Latest Gore telegrams report Conyers (Commissioner of Railways) still very low but no danger is apprehended.

Grant, purser of the steamer Taupo, died yesterday of sunstroke.

The case of Cayford v. Carruthers, breach of promise of marriage, was settled out of Court, the defendant paying £200, without costs.

Ballance yesterday turned the first sod of the Waimate Plains Railway.

The regulations under which the Penny Savings Bank is to be established in schools are: The bank shall be under the management of a trustee and treasurer and at least one other person, two of whom shall be appointed by the school committee; the treasurer to be head-master or one of the other teachers; deposits to be invested in the nearest Post-office Savings Bank and in the names of the trustee and treasurer; two managers to attend at a day appointed for receiving deposits; in school deposits one penny may be received, but when the account reaches £5 it is to be transferred to the Post-office Savings Bank.

Longlands and Mufti are the favorites for the Wellington Cup.

LATEST BY CABLE.

LONDON, January 25.

Great hopes are entertained that the promised Turkish reforms will be carried out, consequent on changes in Ministry.

Earl Northcote denied that England agreed to assume the protectorate of Constantinople. His contradiction about England guaranteeing Turkish loan was explicit.

It is stated that Russia has declared she will occupy Merv if England holds Herat.

The Viceroy has informed the Maharajah of Cashmere that he will accept his offer of service of troops if the war continues beyond Spring.

The Khyber tribes seriously annoy convoys, and expeditiion sent to punish them. They destroyed several villages.

There are numerous desertions from the Afghan army.

The Afghan prisoners are employed in roadmaking. The health of the European troops is good, but the Natives suffer from cold.

The Ameer officer, Mira Khan, who insulted Major Cavagnari at Peshawur by threatening to shoot him, fled and afterwards poisoned himself.

Military operations are suspended on account of winter.

Generals Roberts and Brown are securing the positions they have won.

[SPECIAL TO THE STAR].

In the cricket match, England v. New South Wales Eleven, the former in their second innings made 217. The Welshmen have two wickets down for 83. C. Bannerman badly split his hand while fielding.

Laycock beat Trickett by eight lengths in the champion sculler's match.

The train which brought Mrs Conyers South on Wednesday last left Christchurch at 7.35 p.m., and arrived at Gore at 10.54 next morning. Engines were changed at Oamaru and Dunedin, and, with stoppages at crossings to enable ordinary trains to pass, the actual travelling time showed rather better than 20 miles an hour throughout.

The Governor will arrive in Dunedin in about 14 days, en route for Victoria.

The foundation-stone of the new Roman Catholic Cathedral in Dunedin was laid on Sunday afternoon with much ceremony.

"The Mountaineer" is the name the Directors of the Wakatipu S.N. Company have decided on giving their new steamer, which will be launched about the 8th prox., at Kingston.

The Tipperary Company at Macetown washed up roughly on Saturday night after crushing 140 tons of stone. The result was 725oz of amalgam. The mine is looking very well.

We hear complaints of gardens being despoiled in various parts of the town. It may be too much to expect the police to keep an eye on the enclosures, but enquiries might lead to punishment of the culprits.

It will be seen from our telegrams that the breach of promise case, "Cayford v. Carruthers"—in connection with which some highly interesting, not to say sensational, reading was looked for, has been settled out of Court.

At the inquest on the body of the young man Oman, whose suicide by strychnine at Queenstown we recorded last week, the jury found that deceased killed himself whilst in a state of temporary insanity.

The total amount of admission money taken at the Queen's Theatre during the four nights of the recent debate on The Origin of Christianity between Mr Green and Mr Bright was £157 9s 6d, which goes to the Benevolent Institution.

At last week's sitting of the Waste Lands Board, an application was made by Messrs Robertson and Co. to occupy 100 acres of bush at Wakatipu, adjoining the area recently abandoned by them. The Board decided to issue a license to the applicants for three years, at the rate of 1s per acre per annum, for 80 acres, applicants to furnish sketch.

The latest intelligence respecting the condition of Mr Conyers is of a satisfactory character. On Sunday morning it was rumored that Mr Conyers was much worse, but this report was incorrect. A telegram received from Mr Grant on Sunday morning stated that the patient had passed a good night, and that consciousness had so far returned that in the morning he recognised his wife and son and all who were in the room.

The unprecedented calamities caused by the floods, and the very serious losses sustained throughout this district, render it more than ever satisfactory to W. TALBOYS, of the London House, that he is in a position to mitigate the evil to some degree by offering his Drapery and Groceries at exceedingly low prices. His Groceries, of which he has laid in a large stock, are quoted in another column fully 25 per cent. below ordinary retail rates. The drapery prices are bearing fruit every day.—W. TALBOYS, London House, Cromwell.—[Advt.]

His Honor the Chief Justice, in passing sentence on James Allan Mackie for forgery and larceny at Wellington recently, said:—"Though I must not consider the inadequacy of your salary as an excuse, I may remark that there is a tendency at the present day, not only in banks but in other business, to pay those in a position of trust too lightly. It is supposed that a person may be safely entrusted with money, though he has not been in the habit of handling it. I apprehend that this is a false idea, for it is just as necessary to have a man experienced in the resistance of temptation as a man experienced in plastering walls."

Mr James, secretary to the Dunedin School Committee, found it necessary to obtain the opinion of the Attorney-General on certain points connected with the election of a committee. Mr Stout's reply explains the position, and will be read with interest by those present at the meeting of householders held here last night:—"The questions put to me are: (1) Whether a voter at the election of a school committee should state the number of votes he gives for each candidate? and (2) if a voter votes for one candidate should his vote be counted as seven votes or only one? I am of opinion that as to the first question the reply should be yes, and as to the second question, I am of opinion that unless the number of votes is placed after each name the voter should only count one. For example, supposing a voting paper is in this form—

"John Smith"

—I am of opinion that this should count only one vote for John Smith. If the voter desires to give John Smith more votes he should add the number after his name; as, "John Smith, 5."—(Signed) ROBERT STOUT.

Respecting the payment of salaries to Mayors, the *Clutha Leader* sensibly remarks:—The time is fast approaching when the question of giving salaries to Mayors of country Municipalities must be considered. The interests of many of these boroughs are now large and important, and it is necessary that public business be thoroughly and systematically carried out. This the public cannot expect will be the case unless reasonable remuneration be given for the time and trouble involved. Of course there have been Mayors and Mayors, as the saying is—some who have attended to their duties without the slightest remuneration, and some who have not, but on the contrary, have systematically neglected them. This will continue to be the case so long as gratuitous service is expected. Sure we are it would be much more profitable for the ratepayers to pay for labor done, and have it done thoroughly, than to run the risk of having the Mayoral chair filled by an honorary gentleman whose services they cannot command, and who may assume the role of a dummy or an obstructionist. The duties of Mayor of any borough are arduous and multifarious, and require constant and prompt attention, and any who may perform these aright deserve something more than thanks, for which abuse is often substituted. For substantial service there should be substantial pay. The principle applies equally to a Mayor as to a day laborer.

The train which brought Mrs Conyers South on Wednesday last left Christchurch at 7.35 p.m., and arrived at Gore at 10.54 next morning. Engines were changed at Oamaru and Dunedin, and, with stoppages at crossings to enable ordinary trains to pass, the actual travelling time showed rather better than 20 miles an hour throughout.

RIFLE MATCH.

A friendly match between eight men of the Queenstown and Cromwell Volunteer Corps was fired on Saturday morning—each team firing on the home range. The result was a victory for the Queenstown company, three or four of the up-country team making a splendid score. Subjoined are the respective scores:—

QUEENSTOWN.

	400yds	500yds	600yds	Tl.
Corpl. Waldermann	23	21	22	66
Band-Sergt. Vause	28	19	19	66
Vol. Morgan	26	25	15	66
Sergt. Neill	25	21	18	64
Vol. Wilcott	23	13	22	58
Vol. Bodkin	25	20	13	58
Col.-Sgt. Boyne	22	16	3	41
Vol. Daniel	22	6	4	32

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CROMWELL.

	400yds	500yds	600yds	Tl.
Capt. Brown	25	20	7	52
Lieut. Gudgeon	21	23	14	58
Sub-Lieut. Jolly	20	22	20	62
Col.-Sgt. Colclough	11	21	11	43
Sergt. Ritchie	24	11	10	45
Vol. Graham	21	19	17	57
Bands. P. Thomas	24	17	17	58
Average for one man	53

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CROMWELL SCHOOL.

The annual statutory meeting of householders within the Cromwell school district was held last evening, with the object of electing a School Committee for the ensuing year, and receiving report of the retiring Committee. The attendance was not large.

Mr J. A. Preshaw was chosen chairman of the meeting.

After a few preliminary remarks the chairman read the report of retiring committee, and a statement showing the financial state of the school. Subjoined is copy of the

REPORT.

Cromwell, January 24, 1879.

The Householders of Cromwell School District.

Gentlemen.—We have the honor to lay before you a report of the proceedings of this Committee for the year just ended. When your Committee took office in January, 1878, applications had been called for a master for the school, in the room of Mr Patterson, resigned, and the former Committee, by advertisement, had guaranteed a salary of £250 per annum. As the new Education Act had just come in force, matters were very unsettled, and the Committee could obtain no information as to what salary would be allowed by the Education Board.

After much consideration, Mr Thos. Walker was appointed master, with a guaranteed salary for one year of £250. When the Board fixed the scale of salaries under the new Act it was found that the average attendance at the Cromwell school would only entitle the master to receive £175 per annum (with extra allowance, according to class of certificate). As your Committee was committed to a payment of £250, a number of householders were waited on, and sufficient funds were subscribed to make up the balance of salary.

Very soon after Mr Walker took charge of the school the number of scholars increased considerably, and it was found that more school accommodation was necessary and also assistance in teaching. Application was at once made to the Board for the appointment of a schoolmistress and also for an addition to the school building. At the suggestion of the Committee, Mrs Walker was appointed schoolmistress at a salary of £80 per annum, and a promise was given that Cromwell should be placed on the list for increased accommodation. A sum has since been voted for an addition to the present building. The inspector has made an examination, and plans and specifications have been prepared. We were advised that these would arrive by to-day's mail; they have not done so, but probably will by next mail, and we are glad to say that one of the first duties of the new committee will be to superintend the erection of the addition to the school. When this is completed the building will accommodate about 150 scholars.

During the heavy floods in September last, the wall of the school ground against Sligo street fell, doing damage to the master's residence. As this was partly caused by the raising of Sligo street to permanent level, an application was made to the Corporation to contribute towards the re-building of the wall, and the Council liberally voted £20 for that purpose. As the masons' work for the school building will soon be proceeding, it was thought best to allow the wall to stand over until the contract for school was let, when possibly spare stone and material will be more cheaply procured.

We have much pleasure in being able to report that both Mr and Mrs Walker are giving every satisfaction, and the parents express themselves well satisfied with the progress made by the scholars, and with the manner in which the school discipline is carried out.

The number on the roll has risen from 65 when Mr Walker took charge to 103, and the average attendance from 52 to 78.

In conclusion, gentlemen, we think we have reason for congratulation that the school is in a better position than it has been for some years past, both financially and in having secured thoroughly competent and suitable teachers.

We have the honor to be, &c.

The balance-sheet showed the receipts to be £63 8s 6d, against expenditure £60 13s 2d, leaving a balance of £2 15s 4d. Liabilities were set down at £18 15s, covered by cash in hand and uncollected subscriptions.

On the motion of Mr S. N. Brown, seconded by Mr J. Solomon, the report and balance-sheet as read, were adopted, and a vote of thanks carried in favor of the retiring Committee for their able management of affairs during their term of office.

The election of a new committee was then proceeded with, the following gentlemen being nominated:—Messrs Preshaw, Solomon, Marshall, Gudgeon, Colclough, Jolly, Brown (S.N.), Wright and Murrell. On a ballot being taken, the seven gentlemen first-named were declared duly elected.

The chairman intimated that the first meeting of the new committee would be held on Friday evening next, 31st instant, and the proceedings concluded.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN NEWS.

[BY CABLE.]

(FROM DUNEDIN DAILIES.)

LONDON, January 21.

Messrs Berens, Banniger and Co., merchants, have failed.

The liabilities of the Rosedale and Ferry Hill Iron Company, at Middleton, are half a million.

The treaty of peace between Russia and Turkey has been signed.

The compromise made by the French Ministry necessitates an alteration of French Government officials.

The trial of the Directors of the Glasgow Bank has commenced.

The Right Hon. W. E. Forster, in his address to a political meeting, regretted that Protection extended to America, and still more so to the colonies. He eulogised the example of Sydney, and condemned reciprocity as two-sided Protection. There was no chance of reciprocity being resumed, as the liberals favored free trade.

A vote of censure was unexpectedly carried against the Government in the French Assembly. The Ministerial statement is considered insincere.

January 23.

The accountant of the City of Glasgow Bank in his evidence said he had always prepared accurate balance-sheets, but had altered them subsequently under the direction of Mr Stronach, the managing director, for the directors, and that these alterations enormously under-rated the liability of the Bank.

ST. PETERSBURG, January 23.

The completion of the Russo-Turkish definitive Treaty of Peace is now delayed, because Russia insists on the Treaty of Berlin being made subordinate.

VINCENT COUNTY COUNCIL.

The ordinary meeting of the County Council was held on Wednesday and Thursday last at the County offices, Clyde. Present, all the members, with exception of Cr Fraser, Hawea Riding.

After some amendments, minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Schedules of inward and outward correspondence were read. Also schedule of salaries paid to county officials throughout the Provincial District.

In answer to questions, the chairman explained that on examination it had been found the girders and beams of the Kirtleburn (Roaring Meg) Bridge were quite rotten, and while in Dunedin he had ordered Oregon timber to replace them.

Mr Pyke informed the Council that since last meeting Cr Colclough and himself had visited the Wanaka district with a view to arranging for punt services and examine site for proposed bridge at Albert Town. Finding that Mr M'Pherson was not disposed to come to terms for the Albert Town Punt erection, an offer from Russell, Ewing and Co. to do the work for £150 had been accepted. The punt was guaranteed to carry ten tons, to be placed on river within six weeks. He thought the work cheap at the money.

A letter was read from Mr Rees, manager of Galloway Station, asking that the Council refund him £40 expended on making a road passable for station traffic.

Cr Colclough strongly protested against letters of this nature being received by the Council. They were simply petitions, and should be formally presented through a member of the Council. Why should a letter receive immediate consideration, when members were required to give notice if a vote of money were wanted. He should move—"That letters addressed to the Chairman or any councillor from private individuals asking for grants of money be treated as personal correspondence, and be not placed among the inward correspondence to the Council, such letters being proper material for members to ground motions upon."—Seconded by Cr Greenbank.

Cr Jolly thought it would be a most improper thing to encourage individuals to expend money as they deemed fit and then ask the Council to refund.

The motion was put and carried on the voices, the Chairman expressing his concurrence, as it would save a lot of worry and bother.

A letter was read from the secretary to the Canterbury Land Fund Committee, explaining at length the action taken to recover that portion of the Fund withheld by Government, and the result thereof. Of the £225,000 due, £155,000 had been promised to be refunded, and it was asked that Vincent County pay its proportion of the cost the Committee had been put to.—Agreed to unanimously.

The Chairman stated he had taken steps necessary to compell Chinese to take out miners' rights. Last year only 100 rights were taken out, although there was known to be over 600 Chinese in the County.

An application was read from Messrs Cameron, Murray, Stoddart and others, asking £35 11s salvage for saving portion of the Clyde bridge. On this the engineer reported the claim to be excessive, and in some items fictitious. He recommended a payment of £15. After considerable discussion—during which Cr Ginnis advocated liberal treatment, as the men had risked their lives and been at much trouble—it was resolved to adopt the engineer's report and add £10 bonus.

Re boring rods, the Chairman said that while in town recently he had received much practical aid from Mr Buchanan, of the Works Department, and that he (the Chairman) had accepted a tender from Messrs Kincaid, M'Queen and Co., Dunedin, for the supply of rods. Pipes not being obtainable in Dunedin, they had been telegraphed for to Sydney and Melbourne.

Mr John Perriam, Lowburn, wrote, requesting the Council to cause removal of heaps of sand placed on road-side close to his house, and which caused great nuisance, or he himself would remove same for £20.—The Council declined to accede to the request.

The Chairman said that on recently travelling the Wanaka road he found the maintenance contracts utterly neglected, and had ordered the determination of the contracts. One contractor (Ah Que) at once remedied things on his section, and was now giving satisfaction; but the other (Hill) had had his contract annulled and money forfeited.

Correspondence with Government re the Nevis bridge was read. An offer was made to give progress payments from the sum voted by Government (£300) as the work progressed—a suggestion which was characterised as absurd.—Mr Pyke said he would see that the money voted by Parliament was forthcoming.

Cr Colclough desired to know how it was that prices tendered for public works were published in the *Dunstan Times*, notwithstanding it had been decided these were not to be made public.

The Chairman stated the information had been surreptitiously obtained and wrongly made use of.

Lengthy correspondence was read between the Chairman, Government, and Waste Lands Board in the matter of reserving bridge sites in the County. The results of same were satisfactory.

In the matter of supplying tools, stores, &c., only on order as recently advertised, the chairman said, in answer to Cr Green-

bank, that the new system was found necessary, as hitherto there had been no one to vouch for the correctness of the returns.

The chairman was authorised to arrange certain matters of rates in dispute between Vincent and Tuapeka Counties.

The following petitions were then read and received:—

By Cr Naylor: From 30 residents at Doctor's Point, asking that road be put in order.

By Cr Naylor: From residents of Wai Keri Keri Valley, asking for sum of £300 to be voted to repair road in Valley.

By Cr Pyke: From John and Emma Marsh, asking permission to fence in old road leading to Bendigo punt.

By Cr Colclough: From 266 residents in Cromwell district, asking for construction of bridge at Dead Man's Point, and the construction of road thence past Quartz-reef Point to Rocky Point.

By Cr Pyke, in the absence of Cr Fraser:—From 20 residents of Lakes Hawea and Wanaka, asking for construction of track up Lake Hawea.

The Engineer's reports on roads and contracts were read and received.

A number of reports from the engineer on proposed public works were read. The principal were that on re-erection of Clyde bridge, at an estimated cost of £5160—the bridge to be 12ft higher and 2ft narrower than formerly. Regarding the opening of traffic with Bendigo and country in that direction, Mr M'George's report was most exhaustive, and evidenced much care and calculation.

The report embraced four schemes. Of these, Nos. 1 and 2 dealt with extensions on the present bridge at Rocky Point. No. 3 proposed a bridge over the Clutha at Dead Man's Point, and a road thence to Rocky Point via Quartz-reef Point. No. 4 dealt with road from present County offices, Cromwell, along east bank of Clutha. Schemes 1 and 2 were computed to cost £11,525 and £16,595 respectively, and were not favorably spoken of. Plan No. 3 was estimated to cost a total of £11,860, including bridge (£3,000) and approaches. The high level road sketched in plan 4 was put down at £10,340. The engineer strongly recommended the adoption of the bridge at Dead Man's and lower road to Rocky Point.

At this stage the Council adjourned till 7 p.m. On resuming at that hour,

An offer was read from Mr J. Perriam, Lowburn, to put his punt in good working order and place same at the free disposal of the County provided a man was engaged to work same.—Resolved that Mr Perriam's offer be accepted.

Cr Colclough then introduced to the Council, by leave, a deputation appointed by a recent public meeting at Bendigo to urge the advisability of at once doing something to open traffic to that district from Cromwell. The gentlemen were Mr Dewar, manager of Ardour Station; Mr W. Rooney, Bendigo; and Mr J. M'Donald, Quartz-reef Point.

Each of the gentlemen named addressed the Council on the matter of establishing suitable and permanent means of communication between Cromwell and the Bendigo and Hawea districts, and strongly urged the erection of a bridge at Dead-man's Point and lower road to Rocky Point, in accordance with memorial presented to the Council.

The Chairman informed the deputation of the recommendation of the engineer, and remarked that the Council was fully alive to the necessity for immediate action. He could assure the deputation that as little time as possible would be lost in meeting the wants of those whom the deputation represented.

Having thanked the Council for the courtesy shown them, the deputation withdrew.

The County Valuer's report was then read, and lists of the value of the respective ridings laid on the table. They gave the following result:—

Hawea	...	...	£9,895
Clutha	...	...	3,258
Lindis	...	...	3,183
Kawarau	...	...	2,565
Nevis	...	...	2,280
Dunstan	...	...	7,232
Earnsleugh	...	...	3,735
Matakanui	...	...	3,882
Manuherikia	...	...	5,432

£41,442

As against £48,278 for the previous year. The depreciation in value was attributed to the fall in price of wool, injuries by floods, and excessive valuation last year in the Hawea Riding.—The report was adopted, and the valuation approved.

The engineer reported that in consequence of the continued height of the Molyneux, he had been unable to proceed with the plans and specifications of the bridge across the Molyneux at Alexandra.

The Chairman then introduced the subject of opening up permanent communication with Bendigo and country lying beyond, and briefly reviewed the various routes reported upon by the engineer.

Cr Colclough in a practical and forcible address, pointed out the urgent need that existed for affording means of wheeled traffic between Bendigo and other parts of the County. The people above Cromwell had borne very patiently the trouble entailed on them by the calamity of the flood in rendering useless the Rocky Point bridge, hoping that structure might yet be made available; but it would now seem to be hoping against hope, and they were forced to urge the Council to better their condition before winter, else residents at Bendigo would be forced to quit

the locality. He would move—"That this Council affirms the necessity of building a bridge at Dead Man's Point; also, the construction of the lower road from the bridge to Rocky Point."—Seconded by Cr M'Ginnis.

Cr Jolly also pointed out the absolute necessity for speedy action in the direction proposed by his colleague. At present all supplies had to be packed, and in winter fuel would not be obtainable.

Cr Greenbank, while not questioning the necessities of the case, yet thought it most irregular to vote such an expenditure without notice. The thing was being done too hurriedly.

The chairman pointed out that the motion did not ask for a vote of money, but merely affirmed the desirability of executing a certain important work.

After some further discussion, the motion was carried on the voices.

The Council then resolved into Committee to consider tenders, and did not rise till half-past ten. The report of committee was read and adopted in council. It recommended the acceptance of the following tenders:—

Contract No. 42, M Sharoe, forming and graveling 57 chains of road, Cromwell town boundary to Johnson's Gully.

Contract No. 43, W. Williams, extension of street, Ophir.

Contract No. 47, James Holt, lifting wires of Clyde bridge.

Contracts 46 and 50, Messrs Grant and Mackellar, tarring and painting Cromwell bridge, and repairs to same.

Contract 51, Messrs M'Connochie and Tohill, part formation and graveling 57 chains of road, Bald Hill Flat.

Contracts 48 and 49, Darby and Edgar, Timaru, building suspension bridge over the Manuherikia River, at Blacks; and approaches to same.

Working Punts.—Clyde, Wm. Howjohns; Lindis, George M'Lachlan; Albert Town, Gideon Anderson.

Tenders for cleansing Clyde streets were referred to chairman and engineer.

[The Council declined to furnish for publication the prices of the successful tenderers.]

An adjournment was then made till ten o'clock the following morning.

THURSDAY'S SITTING.

The Council met in Committee at 10 a.m., and on rising at noon report was read and adopted.—That John Holloway's deposit on tender for raising Clyde bridge wires be returned. That no alteration at present be made in the rate of wages paid in the County. That £100 be allowed the engineer for travelling expenses. That a sum not less than £150 be expended in furnishing the County offices.

Cr Colclough protested against the latter item being passed, and moved accordingly, but found no seconder.

On the suggestion of Cr Jolly, it was understood that tenders should be invited for the furniture.

The Treasurer (Cr Jolly) read a statement of finances from November 25 to January 20, which showed receipts, inclusive of £5,000 fixed deposit, and balance in hand, £7,592 2s 4d, to be £12,947 1s 2d, against an expenditure of £4272 18s 10d, leaving a balance at date of £8674 2s 4d.

£20 petty cash was voted the clerk, and accounts amounting to £68 10s 6d passed for payment, after which an adjournment was made till 2 p.m.

On resuming, the ranger's report on commenages was read and adopted, and the recommendation of licenses to T. Johnson B. Duhig and D. Hutton to depasture stock at Cromwell approved.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Were then considered and dealt with as follows:—

GOLD DUTY BONUS.

By Councillor Greenbank: That inasmuch as the gold duty is acknowledged to be an obnoxious tax, and presses hardly and unjustly on the principal revenue producers of the County, the Council, to show its sense of the injustice of the same, and in part to remedy it, do hereby resolve to give a bonus of one shilling per ounce on all gold the produce of Vincent County. This resolution to be null and void in the event of the General Assembly abolishing or reducing the present duty.

In speaking to the motion, the mover urged that the gold duty pressed unjustly on the miners, who were called upon to pay taxes out of all proportion to other classes. He calculated that miners were taxed at the rate of £6 per head per annum by the present gold duty, besides the ordinary tax on their residences, &c. He thought the present a fitting time to reduce the imposition, as the floods had thrown the mining industry back, and averred that the County system had been no benefit to the miners. He considered land-holders did not pay in proportion to their advantages. As to his proposal only benefiting large companies, he was aware of but one company in the County who employed labor largely. As to mode of paying the proposed bonus, he was sure the chairman could devise one. The loss of revenue by the proposal would be some £1400, and he did not think this should stand in the way of doing justice to an important industry.

Cr M'Ginnis, in seconding the motion, thought that if it were adopted, all the other counties would follow suit, and this would act as a powerful lever in inducing Parliament to abolish the duty altogether. The gold duty was a tax on labor, and a monstrous imposition.

Cr Jolly questioned whether the County could afford to lose the revenue involved in the motion, although at the same time he agreed that the tax was unfair at the present time. In the early days it was different, as the Goldfields required special machinery to work them, and

then riches were easily obtained. He feared, however, the working of Cr Greenbank's proposal would be difficult and complex. How did he suggest it should be done?

Cr Greenbank thought the bonus should only be payable to persons on the roll, and on production of Bank receipt.

Cr Naylor could not see how to prevent gold being brought from other counties. He would favor the motion if it could be shown the individual miner would benefit, and not companies.

Cr Colclough was not in accord with previous speakers. If the duty were abolished, then mining property would be taxed, pressing more heavily on the miner. He was impressed that other counties would look upon this as a bait to get their gold product. The miners were as much, in some instances more, benefitted by roads and bridges than others, and consequently gained by the County system. If bonus were paid, would companies increase rate of miners' wages accordingly? No. The fact was, the miners had never asked of late for abolition of the duty, and he (the speaker) did not think they bothered themselves about it.

Cr Pitches would oppose the motion. No miners in his district had expressed a desire to have the duty removed, and if they had felt it a grievance they would have sought a remedy. Cr Masters expressed similar views.

The Chairman said for the past 18 months he had not lost an opportunity at every public meeting he held to ask the miners if they wished the duty remitted, but no decided expression had been given. If the gold duty were abolished, mining property would undoubtedly be taxed. If a reduction was made, the banks would get the benefit, not the miners. It had been so since 6d was knocked off the duty by the Legislature. If the Council wished to reduce the duty, let them pass a resolution, and he would bring it before Parliament. If the present motion had been to offer 6d bonus he might have supported giving the thing a trial for six months, by which time its folly would have been manifest.

Cr Greenbank having replied, a division was taken—ayes. Crs Greenbank, Jolly, and M'Ginnis; noes, Crs Pyke, Pitches, Naylor, Colclough, and Masters.

AID TO BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

By Councillor Pyke: That this Council, recognizing the claims of the Otago Benevolent Institution to general support, resolves to appropriate the sum of £ per annum, payable in half-yearly instalments of equal amount, towards the maintenance thereof.

This proposition created a good deal of discussion, but ultimately it was resolved to give a donation of £25. In opposing the motion, Cr Colclough suggested that each member donate 12 2s, instead of dipping into the people's money, but this did not meet with acceptance.

RE-ERECTING CLYDE BRIDGE.

By Councillor Naylor: That the Engineer be requested to prepare plans and specifications for the erection of the Clyde bridge, and that tenders for the same be called for, to be dealt with at the next ordinary meeting.—Seconded by Cr Pitches.

Cr Naylor having briefly spoken in support of his proposition, and pointed out that the Clyde bridge was one of those works for the repair of which the Government had granted an advance to the County, thus giving his motion a special claim to the Council's consideration,

Cr M'Ginnis followed in strong opposition to the proposal. He said Cr Naylor had brought forward no argument to show why the Clyde bridge should be rebuilt. It was a mistake from the first, and he (Cr M'Ginnis) did not see why it should be perpetuated. There were no inducements to go on with the Clyde bridge—it opened no country, and was not wanted by the travelling public. Its re-erection would be an injustice to the whole county, and he should strongly oppose it. Neither the bridge nor the road would ever divert the traffic from its natural course. For a number of years to come the punt now being provided would be ample for all requirements.

Cr Colclough, Jolly and Masters also opposed the motion, as premature, on the ground that there were many works to do of much greater utility. Cr Jolly tabled an amendment that the consideration of the motion be deferred for 12 months.—This was seconded by Cr M'Ginnis, and was lost on a vote.

Cr Greenbank proposed as a further amendment—that the Clyde bridge be re-erected, at a cost of not more than £3,000.—This also was lost, when

Cr Colclough proposed—that until the bridges to which the Council is committed are in course of construction, the consideration of re-erecting the Clyde bridge stand over.—This amendment was carried, Crs Naylor and Pitches dissenting.

PIPECLAY SLUDGE CHANNEL.

BENDIGO.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

January 25.

I fear I am monopolising too much of your space of late, and would have desisted therefrom for some weeks to come at least were it not that you expect some particulars of the fire which took place here on the night of the 20th instant, and totally destroyed an unoccupied building, formerly known as Hutchinson's store and dwelling-house, but lately the property of Mrs Reid, of the Solway Hotel. The premises were insured in the National office for the sum of £300, which will probably cover the loss of the building. There was little stock in the place at the time except what was owned by other parties, who had goods stored therein owing to the state of the roads since the late flood, and were unable to forward them to their destination. Perhaps foremost among these may be mentioned Mr Perriam, of Lowburn, who had a large quantity of flour and other goods stored there en route for the Hawea. Next may be named Mr John M'Rae, late postmaster, who, it is said, had a case of boots and shoes stored, as well as valuable papers and other property. Messrs Grant and MacKellar also had a lot of window sashes and doors consumed. There is no clue to the origin of the fire, which suddenly burst forth with great and irresistible fury about half-past 10 at night, and the work of destruction was speedy. A quantity of kerosene and other oils helped to feed the flames, which leaped wildly from all parts of the building and bid defiance to any efforts at extinguishment. Fortunately there was no wind blowing at the time, otherwise, in all probability the whole of the buildings in Wakefield would have fallen a prey to the devouring element.

In my last I gave a brief account of a public meeting held here re petitioning the County Council to open up communication between Bendigo and Cromwell. The deputation appointed to wait on the Council have been interviewed, and they state that they were very favorably received by the Chairman and other members of the Council, and the prayer of their memorial acceded to. A very favorable impression appears to have been made on their minds respecting the deliberations of the body politic. I only hope that such impression will have no cause to be effaced, but that the much-needed highway will be commenced with as little delay as possible.

The Cromwell Co. has just sent down another cake of 733ozs 19dwt, the result of 400 tons of stone. This is proof positive of the importance of Bendigo, and speaks louder than words can do, asking, Why is the place so isolated and almost cut off from all intercourse with the outer world? Whilst speaking of the Cromwell Co.'s mine, I am reminded of the correctness of my predictions concerning the same from time to time. When it was rumored that the company would soon be extinct I then wrote in as confident language respecting the richness of this mine as I do now, and I have reason to think that the prophet's mantle must have fallen upon me at the time, otherwise how can foretelling future events be accounted for.

The weather has been beautifully fine during the past few weeks, and the farmers hereabouts are beginning to put in the sickle. A few years more will suffice to see many families settled on their own land, henceforward ceasing to rove to and fro, and they will then find rest for the soles of their feet. May their barns be filled with plenty, and their presses burst forth with new wine.

ARROW TOWN.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

January 27.

The Arrow District Hospital movement seems to be attested with unexpected success, and the lists that the provisional committee has issued are being quickly filled up; the leading men in town have headed with the handsome guarantee of £10 per annum for five years, and a sum amounting to nearly £100 was collected in Arrowtown alone between Wednesday and Saturday last. The committee expects to have, by the end of four weeks, secured sufficient to commence erecting the building. I advise them strongly to place it near a running stream of water, and thus avoid the mistake made by erecting the Frankton Hospital so far from the healthy element, and without which no hospital can be considered worthy of its name. This step is the most important one the Arrow people have taken for many years, and one of the most appreciable ones. There are only about three croakers against it, but their baneful influence having no effect upon the community, it is believed they are "caving in." A bazaar, concert and ball on a large scale is projected in aid of the general fund, and if our ladies only emulate the example of the Cromwell ones in this respect, we shall soon have the institution in a flourishing state.

The Lakes District is now full of tourists, some 40 or 50 of this class of visitors having arrived the day after the through line was opened from Kingston to Christchurch, and Queenstown is looking unusually lively. Everyone is complaining about the bad traffic management existing on the line between Dunedin and Kingston, and it is not at all an uncommon circumstance for goods to be longer in delivery from the capital to the Lakes than they were prior to the establishment of railway communication. The last

consignment arrives invariably before the first—because why? they happen to be stacked upon the first! However, the merchants here are taking action to compel the railway employees to stick to their regulations, and it is expected they will have to do so without any more "red tape" in the matter.

The land tax forms seem somewhat difficult for owners and occupiers to fill up, and the Act and "printed instructions" to the valuers collide; the words "capital value" in the Act mean "total value" in the form, and things seem generally in a pretty bungle, neither the officials nor the public comprehending the exact meaning of the technical language therein contained. Every man will shortly require a lawyer at his elbow to interpret the present tortuous and labored English employed by Government in framing their statutes, which should read as intelligible as ABC, especially in such cases as the Land Tax Act, where every man, be he scholar or not, is presumed to thoroughly understand its provisions. The sequel is call "a spade a spade." Lord Brougham said, "use always the same term in law for the same thing." Why not, then, give "capital value" the same meaning in form No. 2 as in the Act. In the Act it means the selling value of land without buildings and improvements; in the "form" it means exactly the reverse, viz., the selling value of land with all its improvements, hence the jumble. Who is to blame if faulty returns are sent in by owners?

The new steamer "Mountaineer" will be launched by the W. S. Navigation Company on Saturday, 8th February, and a general holiday and free trips to Kingston will be arranged for.

The reefs are looking better than ever, and the returns are expected to be excellent. Great confidence is placed in the future of Macetown, and when thoroughly skilled labor is generally employed, and low levels adhered to in opening out the mines, there will be years of remunerative work in this district; but it necessarily follows that to follow out the above system a large outlay of capital must be resorted to before any permanent profit can be expected. This system will have to be brought into force sooner or later; and the sooner the better.

I hear the gross amount of Mr Healey's concert, given on Boxing-night, in aid of the Athenaeum new reading room fund, realised about £22.

PROVINCIAL AND COLONIAL.

Tenders are invited for the construction of the Melbourne Exhibition buildings.

The total failure of the Melbourne New Guinea expedition is reported. The party were prostrated by fever. Four died.

Mr H. T. Cox, assistant geologist at Wellington, visits Tuapeka to report on the best means to test the auriferous cement deposits in that district.

Duncan M'Allister, a blacksmith in South Canterbury, was last week mulcted in £9 for causing the death of a horse by beating it over the head with a heavy stick.

By an extra payment of 2s urgent telegraphic money-orders can now be sent. They take precedence of all ordinary work, and are dealt with in precisely the same manner as ordinary "urgents."

From Melbourne, under date 22nd inst., comes information that there is renewed activity on the part of the police against the Kellys. It is believed that abettors have turned informants, and definite results are expected.

The Evening Star speaks of Mr DeLatour, M.H.R. for Mount Ida, as a political *ignis fatuus*, and thinks his proper course would be to resign from a district with which he has "ceased to have any possible form of connection."

At Wellington, the other day, Archdeacon Thorpe preached a sensational sermon, charging the Banks with leading their officers to embezzle funds by paying wholly insufficient salaries, and expecting them to keep up a good position. He also hit hard at opponents of the drapers' early closing movement, and exhorted the public to take the matter up, and compel tradesmen to do justice to employees. He asserted the question was quite in the hands of the customers of the drapers. The banks here are in the habit of making their clerks work many hours after closing, and the Archdeacon exhorted the public to do away with this crying injustice. He said young men when overworked took to stimulants to revive their drooping spirits, and afterwards became habitual drunkards.

A very feasible explanation of the report that in New Guinea there existed a race of men possessing tails is given in a recent number of the *Brisbane Courier*. Referring to the discoveries made by Mr Goldie, the naturalist, the *Courier* says:—The custom of a tribe with whom Mr Goldie's party came in contact suggested to them the probable origin of the rumors that have been always current of a race of tailed men in some remote corner of the globe. These natives wear artificial tails of such cunning construction as to entirely mislead a casual observer. They are entirely naked, except for caudal ornament, which is a plait of grass fastened round their loins by a fine string, and depending behind to about half-way down their legs. Possibly the missing link that has so baffled Darwin has only lately become extinct in New Guinea, and these descendants, ashamed of their degeneracy, keep up the tradition of a noble ancestry by simulating their distinguished characteristic.

OPENING OF THE CHRIST-CHURCH-INVERCARGILL RAILWAY.

This important event in the history of the colony took place on Wednesday last, and but for a serious mishap occurring to Mr Conyers, Commissioner of Railways, would have passed off in the most satisfactory manner. The special correspondent of the *Star* furnishes the following particulars of the affair:—

Everything had gone merry as a marriage bell, the weather being delightful and the company in high glee, till the curve on entering East Mataura was reached, when the sharp, shrill shrieks denoted that something had gone wrong. The cry of "A man off the train" was passed along, and all on board were horrified to learn that the victim of the accident was Mr Commissioner Conyers. The train was stopped with all promptness, and hundreds of people ran along the line to where the unfortunate gentleman lay, about 50yds from a water-tank placed on a pile of sleepers. It appears that Mr Conyers had been riding on the front engine, and a few minutes before was conversing with the driver, who suddenly turned round, missed him, and gave the alarm. The explanation of the accident is supplied by a woman, the occupant of a cottage near the water-tank in question. She states that she was watching the approaching train, and saw a person who was leaning forward from the engine coming into contact with the side of the sleepers which support the tank and fall off very shortly afterwards. He must have been either endeavoring to speak to someone on the first carriage or was looking back at the sharp curve the train had just passed over when he was struck. The latter is the more feasible suggestion, and it is generally received. Fortunately, there was plenty of medical assistance at hand, and the services of Professor M'Gregor and Drs Murphy (of Dunedin) and J. Gibson Smith (of the Clutha) were requisitioned. By their orders Mr Conyers was, as soon as possible, placed in the nearest van and the train moved slowly into Gore. The wound, which is a very severe one on the right temple, and from which blood flowed freely, was sewn up by Dr Murphy, assisted by Dr Smith. Mr Conyers remaining unconscious, the medical gentlemen advised his removal from the train, which was done, he being conveyed to the nearest hotel and Dr Smith volunteering to remain by him. It is needless to state that the accident cast a great gloom over the whole party. Scarcely half an hour previously Mr John Ollivier had made a tour of the train, and collected a goodly sum—for the donations came freely—for the purchase of some articles of jewellery for Messrs Conyers and Grant as souvenirs of the trip, and the articles were to be presented at the banquet. Over an hour's delay was occasioned at Gore, and other stoppages not reckoned on had to be made, so that it was 6.20 p.m. when the train drew up at the Invercargill station, where a great crowd had collected, by whom the visitors were received with vigorous cheering. The station building inside and out was nicely decorated and festooned. The artillery fired a salute, and their fine band played some inspiring airs, and amidst the renewed cheering of the bystanders the formal reception was ended. The town was *enfête*, high holiday having been kept during the afternoon, and bunting was lavishly displayed by the principal business places. Headed by the Invercargill band the visitors were escorted to their quarters; but the short time at their disposal did not enable them to obtain a view of the town or of the illuminations, which were pretty general and had a nice effect. The electric light was exhibited from the Athenaeum buildings. The banquet was held in the new theatre at Sloan's buildings Dee-street. Between 150 and 180 persons sat down, the circle being filled with ladies, while the Invercargill band occupied the stage. It was a complete success, only marred by the accident to Mr Conyers.

The Sydney Exhibition.

Considerable interest is naturally felt with regard to the intended International Exhibition building at Sydney. Though not derived from an official source, the *Sydney Morning Herald* says that the structure will be one that is likely to prove at once useful and ornamental. The Colonial Architect's idea is to have it diagonally across the highest portion of the Inner Domain, with the central front immediately facing the Governor Bourke statue. The design of the building, in a general sense, will be after the fashion of a cross, with a large central dome and lantern roof. The main avenues will be after the form of a cross, and from them sides compartments will branch out, the plan being that those compartments shall not exceed 25ft., and may be extended just as they are required, and with due relation to the central feature. Advantage will be taken of the site to make the main building on the level of the highest portion of the domain, and to construct a basement story on the ground floor, so that facing the harbor there will be two stories, and facing the Bourke statue only one. The basement floor, which will be entered as well from the outside as by steps leading from the main floor, will be admirably suited for machinery in motion, &c. Besides the main tower, there are proposed to be smaller towers at different places about the structure, which will give it from the harbor and every part off Sydney quite a picturesque appearance. There will be galleries around the main building, and so the entire floor space will be made up to six acres and a half. Mr John Young's ideas have been, to some extent, embodied in the design, chiefly in that there is a central feature from which the bays, or 25ft. compartments, branch off. His suggestion that the light should be got from the south and south-east, so as to prevent shadow, is also to be adopted. The material to be used in the building has not been settled, but it is probable it will be iron.

CUSTOM-HOUSE TROUBLES.

We think it is Mr Pyke who detests the very name of Customs and Custom-houses, and who has styled this form of taxation an invention of the Evil One. There is a gentleman at Hawkes Bay who now holds similar views, and if the troubles he recounts in a Napier newspaper are only half true, there are many who will sympathise with the member for Dunstan in his denunciation of Customs duties, and the red-tape with which they are bound up. This is how the unfortunate victim tells his sorrows to the world:—

Some time ago a friend of mine in England was kind enough to send me a present by the Suez mail, and I was foolish enough to accept it, as may be seen from the following description of my harrowing troubles to obtain possession of the package, troubles of such a nature that should I meet with the same in all my transactions in proportion to their magnitude, would soon bring my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave.

On receiving the letter by the post from my friend, informing me that he had sent the present by the same mail from England, I hurried down to town (as I live at some distance) to receive the package. I found that it had not come, but might by the next steamer from Melbourne, and would then be transhipped at Wellington for Napier, so I returned disconsolate, and sat like patience on a monument smiling at grief. The next item on my programme was to send word to a gentleman I knew at the port to look out for the case on my account, and send it up to me with a note of any charges incurred. Two weeks afterwards I received notice from him that the case had arrived, but the Customs authorities would not let it go without I presented myself at the Spit and declared to the contents. Once more I journeyed to the port, and being too late for "Custom's hours," I repaired to the Spit next morning, and was directed to a neat-looking building after the Gothic style of architecture, where I would be able to meet the "authorities" sitting at the receipt of Customs. I went into a door where I saw some others going, and after waiting for my turn spoke to a very affable young gentleman, who wore an official looking billy-cock hat. I was in curt but courteous terms directed to the next door, where I was accosted by the second gentleman, whose clothes had burst out into a rash of the brass button order. In fluttering accents I said, "Listen to the sorrows of a poor old man whose trembling footsteps have led him to your door." He said, "What-want?" I said, "I have come to make my solemn affidavit concerning some goods." He replied "Collector," and firmly yet sternly pointed to the inner door. I timidly knocked thereat, and was told to come in, where I saw a benignant-looking gentleman in a white waistcoat, adorned with the universal brass button, and again I asked for my box, whereupon the third gentleman, who, for want of a better weapon, was armed with a heavy volume of the Acts of the Assembly, turned it open and showed me the fearful oath I was to take concerning the nature of the goods sent to me. He told me I had better get an agent to pass the necessary entry. I rushed to my friend; he wrote the entry. I returned. I saw the collector, but I did not conquer. I swore there was nothing dutiable beyond what I had stated was in the case; I swore that there were no playing cards; I swore that there was no ammunition, tobacco, opium, or anything of such a destructive nature, and was allowed to depart, being then directed to pay the few shillings duty necessary to the affable gentleman in the billy-cock hat behind the tattered green curtain in the next room. Judge my dismay when, on entering the office, being told that it was the last day of the month. I said in a voice choked with sobs, "What happens now?" Again the stern voice of the Government official rolled out, and said, "We only take duty on this day up to noon, and it is now one and a quarter minutes past 12." I was led from the office in a senseless condition to my house, and the following day in the afternoon, when I had recovered a little went down again to the Custom House, and having re-written my set of entries, because the date was wrong, and re-declared before the Collector, joy of joys, I passed my entry. I was directed to a gentleman with rash of brass buttons on the coat in the other office, who would give me my case. He told me I must get the Wharfinger, who had the keys of the shed. After some time, I found that official, who made me pay a shilling wharfage, and then said I must get an order from the steamboat agent. I succeeded in bailing the agent up, but in the meantime the Wharfinger had dodged me, and was not to be found; and as I did not want to lose the train, I again asked a friend to do the needful for me. A day or so afterwards I received a note from him saying that my case had been carried past the port in mistake; it is believed that the Rotorua has taken it to Sydney, or that she might have put it into the Zealandia, mail steamer, *en route* to England. I expect to go to a funeral shortly, and I shall be in the first carriage.

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